

QUEBEC BRIDGE COLLAPSES, CARRYING 15 TO DEATH

MISSING DEED IS CHIEF FACTOR IN EPWORTH BATTLE

Half-Million Dollar Property
Involved in Case.

CHURCH TRIES TO GET IT Trial Begins Here; Claims of One Side Outlined.

With a brilliant array of counsel on both sides, the famous Epworth university case, involving title to property said to be worth half a million dollars, went to trial before District Judge Clark this morning. On one side is the University Development company, alleged Nathan H. Classen interest, and the Methodist Episcopal church, south. Both claim title to the property.

Open statements by attorneys indicated the pivotal point in the big case has to do with two deeds said to have been executed, the first, in 1902 giving title to the property jointly to the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church, south; second, a deed, executed later, providing that the property should revert back to the donor upon certain conditions.

Important Deed Lost.

D. H. Linebaugh of Muskogee, United States district attorney for the eighth district, announced in court that the original deed—which did not contain the reversal clause—had been lost and that efforts to locate it had been futile. Upon that deed lies the hopes of the M. E. church, south, to regain possession of the property. The original deed was executed and accepted by the two churches but never recorded, and upon that fact lies the hope of the Classen interests to maintain possession of the property.

According to Linebaugh, the original deed was turned over by the board of trustees to the keeping of J. D. Thornburn, then secretary of the board. He bought a tin box, and for safe keeping placed the box in Classen's vault. Thornburn removed to Guthrie, and left the only key to the box with the Rev. S. G. Thompson, then president of the board. Thompson was a member of the Methodist church, south. Thornburn remained away a year. When he returned, he and others opened the box, but the deed was not there. Thompson knew nothing of the mysterious disappearance. Nobody knew, it seemed, but it was gone.

Second Deed Executed.

Later another deed was executed, containing the reversal clause; that is, that the property should revert to the donor if certain conditions were not complied with by the churches, among which was one specifying that if one church withdrew its support from the institution the property should go back to the donor.

Attorney Linebaugh admitted in his statement that the M. E. church, south, had not given support to the school that it would have given had the ques-

Seamen Float to Shore on Wreckage

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 11.—Captain Hugo Wamp and seven members of the crew of the gulf fisheries schooner Aloha, which was wrecked near Tampico, September 3, reached Galveston today. The Aloha battled with a storm all of Saturday night and until 2 o'clock of September 3. She was at anchor ten miles north of Tampico. When one of the cables parted it was found necessary to run her ashore to save the lives of the crew. The men floated to places of safety on bits of wreckage.

Discharged Police Board Gives Up

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 11.—Dr. W. C. Crandall and Joseph I. McDonald, the police commissioners, who were ordered removed from office by Lieut. Gov. William R. Winter in the absence of Gov. Elliott W. Major from the state several weeks ago, surrendered the affairs of the police department today to the board appointed by Painter as acting governor.

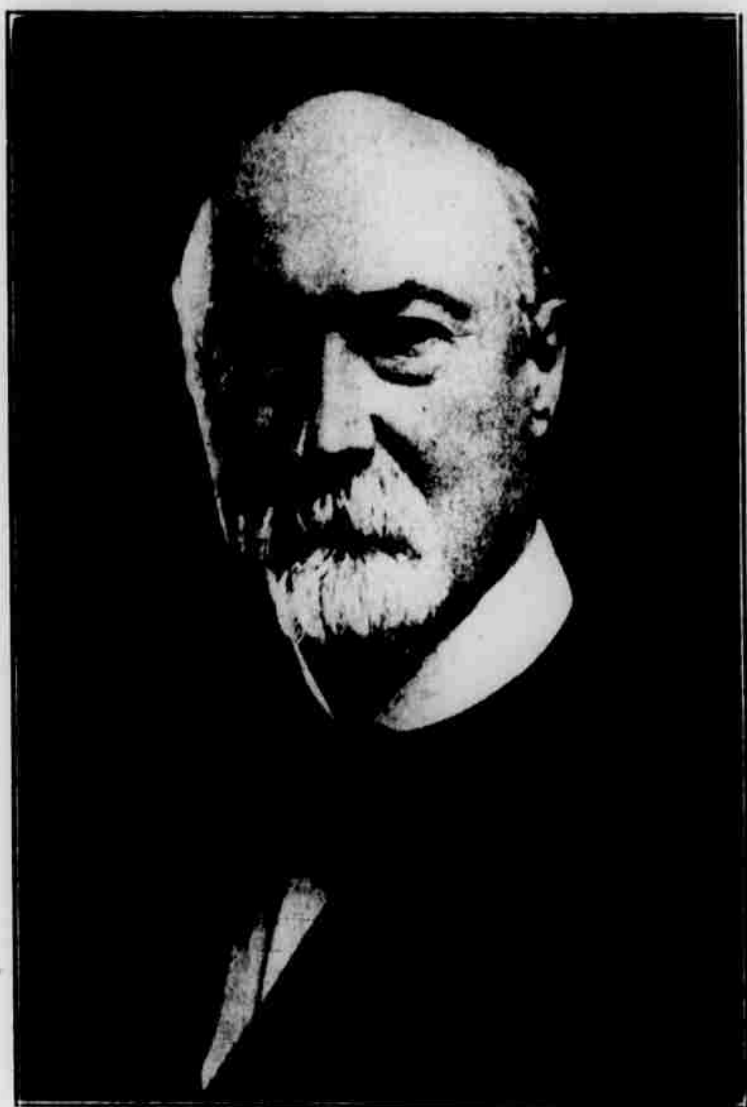
Girl Is Injured by Dynamite Cap

SAPULPA, Okla., Sept. 11.—Bessie Dukes, 8 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Dukes of this city, was seriously injured today when dynamite caps which she had been crushing with a brickbat, exploded. Policemen found more than fifty unexploded caps near where the explosion occurred.

Candidate Hughes Homeward Bound

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 11.—Charles E. Hughes, homeward bound, spent the last day, but one, of his presidential campaign trip in Syracuse today. A vociferous crowd welcomed him with cheers at the station.

SPEAKER OF THE DAY



Charles Warren Fairbanks.

The republican candidate for vice president will make two addresses in Oklahoma City Tuesday.

ALL UNIONS IN NEW YORK CITY MAY JOIN STRIKE

Carmen Make Appeal for Aid
in Fight.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—All trade unions in the city served by the Interborough Rapid Transit company today were considering the appeal for sympathetic strikes made last night by the strikers. The response must be decided by a vote of members and it is expected to be several days before the result can be known. The strike on the surface lines has spread rapidly although elevated and subway lines continued running today without apparent interruption.

Fifty Thousand Mav Out.
Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declined to discuss the probability of a general strike but union leaders asserted that if necessary 50,000 union men could be called out within six hours.

Service Falls Off.
Traction officials attributed the falling off in service on the subway and elevated roads to the unprecedented increase in traffic caused by the stoppage of all surface lines. Union leaders claimed, however, that the defection of heretofore loyal employees of the roads was responsible.

Churches Urged to Aid War Loan

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—Archbishop Balbor of the archdiocese of Gnesen-Posen has instructed the clergy to invest as much as possible of the fund of their churches in the new German war loan, the Overseas News Agency says. The municipality of Wiesbaden has subscribed 30,000,000 marks to the loan.

Unsettled and Perhaps Showers

Local Forecast—Generally unsettled and cloudy tonight and Tuesday; cooler to night with probable showers.

State Forecast—Tonight generally unsettled with showers and cooler; Tuesday generally fair.

KANSAS—Unsettled; cooler.
ARKANSAS—Probably showers; cooler.
WEST TEXAS—Unsettled; cooler.

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"Zimmie"

MAYOR TO SELL GARDENING DATA; TO PAY FOR CAR

Magazines and Railroads Offer
Financing Methods.

Magazines and railroad agricultural bureaus are seeking facts and figures of Mayor Overholser's gardening contest. Their desire for information has a cash value which will be turned into real money and pay for the automobile that will be given to the prize winning young gardener.

Fifty boys and girls of the city have been gardening all summer under the mayor's contest rules. To the one making the largest profit will be given a real car. The mayor announced Monday that an auditing committee would decide the contest.

To Audit Accounts.
"The time limit is up October 1," the mayor said. "Just before that time I will appoint a committee to audit the accounts of the boys and girls who have been raising gardens. I refuse to take the responsibility of deciding. I want a first class gardener, an accountant and another to settle the matter and then turn over the data to me."

Then he explained his plan of a self-supporting philanthropy.
"I am not going to give out the results and methods of the prize winners. A couple of magazines want them. I intend to have the data compiled by somebody qualified and then sell it for enough to pay for the car."

"The contest is proving that great things can be accomplished. The brainiest and hardest working youngster is paid for his labor with the car and the information gained by experiment and practice will be worth much to people developing this idea in other places."

Cash Prizes Also.
"A certain percentage of the profits of the gardens will be turned into a fund and this will be divided into cash prizes for a number of leading contestants."

FIFTH IN NATION OKLAHOMA CITY'S BANK GAIN RECORD

Okla. City stood fifth in the nation in point of gain in bank clearing for the week ended September 7, when it showed an increase of 108.8 percent over the corresponding week of last year.

Augusta, Ga., was first with 167.6 percent; Savannah, Ga., second with 121.4 percent; Macon, Ga., third with 115.6 percent; San Diego, Cal., fourth with 109.6 percent; Oklahoma City fifth; Akron, Ohio, sixth with 106.9 percent; Sacramento, Cal., seventh with 102.3 percent.

These cities were the only ones to show more than 100 percent increase, but there were many that ran very close to that percentage of gain.

TROOPS PATROL ATHENS; UNREST FILLS CAPITAL

Demands of Allies Apparently
Accepted.

BRITISH ATTACK BULGARS Cross Struma River and Storm Villages.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Athens is virtually under martial law, a dispatch says. Patrols of infantry and cavalry are under strong guard. At least ten hundred murders have been added to the garrison here on account of the uncertainty in regard to the attitude of the troops. The excitement caused by army dispositions at Saloniki, however, is dying out.

Reservist Clubs Close.

A Reuters Athens dispatch says Premier Zalamis had another lengthy conference with King Constantine on Sunday afternoon, after which the cabinet met. Four shots were fired the night before into the French legation at Athens. The allies' demands have apparently been fully accepted although nothing has been officially announced. The closing of the clubs of the reservists' league, a step demanded by the cabinet, was begun Sunday evening.

British Begin Offensive.

Attacks on Bulgaria from both the north and the south are apparently in preparation by the entente armies in the Balkans.

A movement from the south developed today in official news dispatches from Paris that the British had taken the offensive on the northwestern Macedonian front. They have crossed the Struma about forty miles northeast of Saloniki in advance toward the Bulgarian frontier of strong artillery preparation and are attacking the villages of Nevoles and Karabades.

Between Two Fires.

The present British thrust which may mean the beginning of an important offensive with the object of placing the Bulgarians between two fires, is directed along the main road to Seres, north of Thessalonika, the natural avenue for an army pushing from the Bulgarian border. Meantime the effort to compass Bulgaria is proceeding on the north with the reported arrival of Russian troops in strong force to take the offensive against the Bulgarians who have invaded the Rumanian province of Dobruja, occupying large areas and capturing the fortresses Turtukai and Silistria.

Unable to Regain Losses.

In northern France the Germans are responding to the heavy blows which drove back their lines along several miles of the Somme front last week. Yesterday and last night they struck hard at both the French and the British, but according to the entente reports were unable to regain any of the lost ground.

Russian attempts to capture the town of Halicz, on the Dniester Galicia, regarded as the key to the defenses of Lemberg from the southeast have been frustrated by the Teutonic forces, according to today's German war office announcement. Troops under General Count von Bothmer brought the Russian efforts to naught.

HEAVY RAINS COVER KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA

Precipitation Belt Moving
Slowly Eastward.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 11.—Reports to the local weather bureau indicate that the territory surrounding Kansas City has been subjected to heavy rains during the past twenty-four hours and that the rain belt is moving slowly eastward.

Okla. City also received general rains, few parts of the state having been missed. The greatest precipitation was at Alva where 4.22 inches were recorded.

Heavy rains were reported at various points throughout central Kansas, an official maximum of 4.7 inches having fallen at Manhattan which, with accompanying winds, caused minor damage. Light rains fell over the southern part of the state.

Boys Use Shotgun as Toy; One Dead

DAVENPORT, Ia., Sept. 11.—Fred Wenzel, 6 years old, of West Liberty, Ia., was shot and killed Sunday by his brother Herman, 12 years old. The children were playing with a loaded shotgun.

Returned Soldier Hurls Grenade at Crowd; Kills Two

LONDON, Sept. 11.—James O'Hara, a wounded and discharged soldier, learned the art of bomb throwing at the front. Sunday a crowd of men and women in the rear of his regiment became noisy. O'Hara asked for quiet, and when he received a derisive reply, he hurled a hand grenade into the crowd. One man and a girl 9 years old were killed and a dozen other persons were wounded.

G. O. P. LEADERS GATHER HERE TO MEET FAIRBANKS

Vice Presidential Candidate to
Speak Tomorrow.

Republican leaders, officials of the republican party, delegates to the republican state convention and scores of visitors were arriving in Oklahoma City today on every train for the big republican gathering here Tuesday when Charles W. Fairbanks, republican nominee for vice president, will be a speaker.

The Skirvin hotel, where republican state headquarters are located, was a busy place. Republican leaders and delegates to the convention were mulling with out-of-town visitors.

J. J. McGraw, republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, arrived from Ponca City late last night and was at headquarters today. With him came C. B. Baker, also of Ponca City. Congressman Dick T. Morgan, who will be one of the speakers tomorrow arrived today.

Children Troop to School; First Day Devoid of Study

Juvenile Oklahoma City awoke about an hour earlier than usual this morning, washed or was washed—gulled down a busy breakfast, and was galloping madly down the street at about the same time that during the summer he and she was still in the hay. The reason was that the first morning's session of school for the term of 1916-17 came today.

Five substitute teachers were working in the schools this morning as a result of eleventh hour registrations and non-appearance of a corresponding number of regular pedagogues. However, the city's educational system began its day without a hitch.

As nearly as could be ascertained the ward school attendance was 15,000. More are expected to be added to this number during the week and until Christmas.

Regular classes were not conducted today. Pupils were made acquainted with their teachers and those who had not purchased text-books were allowed to do so. No book shortage is reported by dealers.

Posses Pursuing Sheriff's Slayer

FORT SMITH, Ark., Sept. 11.—Posses today are in pursuit of two men believed to be former convicts, who Sunday morning shot and probably fatally wounded Sheriff Fred Lawrence of Latimer county, Oklahoma, after he had arrested one of them. Sheriff Lawrence trailed the two, who were suspected of stealing horses from farmers, to Wister Junction. The men escaped after one had been wounded by the sheriff.

RITTENHOUSE WILL QUIT COMMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW

George B. Rittenhouse, for the past two and one-half years a member of the supreme court commission, will resign October 1, to begin the practice of law in Oklahoma City. He is expected to tender his resignation to Governor Williams this week. The governor will appoint Judge Rittenhouse's successor.

Colonels to Become Brigadier Generals

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Colonels L. W. T. Waller, who commanded the expeditionary forces in Haiti; John A. Jojeme, attached to the marine headquarters; Eli Kole, who commanded the first brigade in Haiti; and Charles A. Doyen, commanding the marine barracks here, are most prominently mentioned for promotion to fill the positions of brigadier generals created by the new naval bill. Nine officers are eligible for the higher rank.

Center Span Falls While Being Raised To Finish Structure

Similar Accident Ended Attempt in 1907 to
Complete Similar Building Across St.
Lawrence; Ninety Men at Work When
Mishap Occurred; Estimate of Number
Drowned Not Yet Definite.

QUEBEC, Sept. 11.—The central span of the world's greatest suspension bridge collapsed and fell into the St. Lawrence river at 10 o'clock today with a loss of life variously estimated at from fifteen to twenty. The company erecting the structure placed the number of deaths at the larger figure, but H. P. Borden, a member of the Quebec bridge commission, declared that only three persons were lost. Several hours after the accident happened a special train into Quebec brought twenty men who had been injured.

Nine years ago a similar accident at the same spot took a toll of seventy lives. Today thirty men were carried into the river when the 5,000-ton span being raised from pontoons in an engineering feat designed to complete the 1,700-foot suspension for trans-continental railway traffic fell fifteen feet into the water and sank 200 ft., perhaps never to be recovered.

Lifted With Jacks.

Contradictory stories are told regarding the collapse. The pontoons had been removed and the span was being lifted by massive hydraulic jacks when, according to several spectators, the northern end fell with the breaking of girds. Frantic efforts were made to place a chain rope around the tottering structure but with reports like shells exploding the remaining supports snapped and the span disappeared with a tremendous splash. Some of the observers said the structure buckled at the center as it fell.

Boats Save Lives.

Groups of men at work slipped off into the water and others were knocked off by flying debris. Scores of craft containing spectators went to the rescue and their endeavors prevented a larger loss of life.

Five Bodies Recovered.

Chief Engineer Millan as among the injured brought here. He was rescued by a tug. Five bodies have been recovered. Edward Jordanais, 22 years old, of Providence, R. I., is among the known dead.

The engineer in charge of the construction, whose name is Porter, James Anderson, a blacksmith, Alfred Cadoret who is severely hurt and Arthur Cadoret are among the survivors.

Lifting Span Into Place.

The span had been constructed on pontoons a few miles east of the bridge site and was towed into position immediately under the gap left in the anchor arms of the structure.

Chains with links thirty inches in diameter with links thirty inches in diameter were taken a chance on encountering the Villa band without the assurance of adequate support.

This is the first indication in many weeks that General Pershing's men have been operating at any distance from their base.

Dipping Vat Blown Up; Antagonism to Tick Tax Recalled

A dipping vat at Brent, a small place in Sequoyah county, was blown up late Friday night, according to a telegram received this morning by President Frank M. Gault of the state board of agriculture. The message contained no other information.

Several months ago there was trouble in Sequoyah county due to the opposition of the Working Class Union against payment of an extra tax levied for tick eradication work. At that time it is said, members of the organization threatened to destroy property owned by county officials and that used in dipping stock.

An investigation will be made by the board of agriculture.

Sultan Blossoms Out as Latest War Poet

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 11.—The sultan has composed a poem glorifying the achievements of the Turkish troops in defending the Dardanelles. The poem, dedicated to Enver Pasha, the Turkish war minister, will be published in the official journal.

Canada's federal railway department then decided to reconstruct it and placed the undertaking in the hands of a commission which included several noted American bridge builders, among them Ralph Modjeski of Chicago and C. C. Schneider of New York.

Length to Be 3,239 Feet.
Its contemplated length from shore to shore was 3,239 feet with a distance of 1,800 feet between anchor buttresses. Provision was made for two railroad tracks, two street car tracks and two roads. It was to be used by the following railroads: The Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk, Quebec Central, Intercolonial; Quebec & Lake St. John; Quebec & Saguenay, Canadian Northern and Delaware & Hudson.

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